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- 1. The amendment filed on 7/22/2004 is considered non-compliant because it failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment to be compliant, correction of the following is required. The entire "Amendment to the claims" section must be resubmitted.
- 2. While claim 24 is identified as "Currently Amended", none of the content of the claim is underlined.
- 3. For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.1211, see MPEP Sec. 714.
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- 5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nabil M El-Hady whose telephone number is (703) 308-7990. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 4:00.

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